

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A mobile communications terminal adapted to generate graphical image data defining a facial image which is animated to simulate actions accompanying speech generated from data received via a radio interface, wherein the characteristics of the facial image are selectable by a user of the terminal.
2. The mobile communications terminal of Claim 1, wherein the selectable characteristics of the facial image comprise at least one of base facial style, skin color, hair color, eye color, and mouth size.
3. The mobile communications terminal of Claim 1, wherein the characteristics of the speech are selectable by a user of the terminal.
4. A multimedia client terminal, the terminal comprising:
 - a browser configured to interpret a multimedia document received from a remote server, the browser comprising:
 - means for recognizing textual presentation markup tags in the document and presenting text to a user in accordance with the markup tags,
 - means for recognizing a standard set of document-independent local library file tags in the document,
 - means for storing a set of non-textual local library files corresponding to the local library tags, and
 - means for presenting the contents of one of the local library files to a user in response to the recognition of one of the local library file tags in the multimedia document.
5. The multimedia client terminal of Claim 4, wherein the multimedia client terminal is a mobile communications terminal.
6. The multimedia client terminal of Claim 4, wherein the non-textual files comprise one or more of graphics files, audio files and/or video files.
7. The multimedia client terminal of Claim 4, wherein the non-textual files comprise data for speech synthesis, and the tags define speech to be synthesized.
8. A multimedia document server, the server comprising a storage holding a set of multimedia documents, one or more of the documents comprising:

textual presentation commands; and

one or more of a standard set of document-independent markup tags to be recognized by a client terminal downloading the one or more documents as references to non-textual files which are stored in the client terminal.

9. The multimedia document server of Claim 8, wherein the client terminal is a mobile communications terminal.

10. The multimedia document server of Claim 8, wherein the non-textual files comprise one or more of graphics files, audio files and/or video files.

11. The multimedia document server of Claim 8, wherein the non-textual files comprise data for speech synthesis, and the tags define speech to be synthesized.

12. A document retrieval system comprising:

a client terminal comprising a browser configured to interpret a multimedia document received from a remote server, the browser comprising:

means for recognizing textual presentation markup tags in the document and presenting text to a user in accordance with the markup tags,

means for recognizing a standard set of document-independent local library file tags in the document,

means for storing a set of non-textual local library files corresponding to the local library tags, and

means for presenting the contents of one of the local library files to a user in response to the recognition of one of the local library file tags in the multimedia document; and

a document server comprising a storage holding a set of multimedia documents, one or more of the documents comprising:

textual presentation commands, and

one or more of a standard set of document-independent markup tags to be recognized by a client terminal downloading the one or more documents as references to non-textual files which are stored in the client terminal.

13. The document retrieval system of Claim 12, wherein the client terminal is a mobile communications terminal.

14. The document retrieval system of Claim 12, wherein the non-textual files comprise one or more of graphics files, audio files and/or video files.

15. The document retrieval system of Claim 12, wherein the non-textual files comprise data for speech synthesis, and the tags define speech to be synthesized.

16. A communications terminal for accessing Web pages via an Internet protocol connection, the terminal comprising a browser for interpreting Web pages and presenting the contents thereof on a display portion of the communications terminal, the browser configured to recognize two dimensional graphics markup tags in a Web page and render a graphical object on the display portion on the basis of a plurality of the graphics markup tags.

17. The communications terminal according to Claim 16, wherein the graphics markup tags comprise line drawing commands and/or image manipulation commands.

18. A Web server comprising Web pages describing a two dimensional graphical object by way of the graphics markup tags used by a communications terminal for accessing Web pages via an Internet protocol connection, the terminal comprising a browser for interpreting Web pages and presenting the contents thereof on a display portion of the communications terminal, the browser configured to recognize two dimensional graphics markup tags in a Web page and render a graphical object on the display portion on the basis of a plurality of the graphics markup tags.

19. A multimedia client terminal, comprising:

a browser for interpreting a multimedia document received from a remote server, comprising:

means for recognizing speech presentation markup tags in the document;

means for storing a set of local library files corresponding to the speech presentation markup tags; and

means for presenting the speech to a user in accordance with the local library files tags found in the multimedia document.

20. The client terminal according to Claim 19, wherein the speech is presented in conjunction with a graphical display comprising a moving facial image.

21. The client terminal according to claim 20, wherein the characteristics of the moving facial image are selectable by a user of the client terminal.

22. A multimedia client terminal, comprising:

a browser for interpreting a multimedia document received from a remote server, comprising:

software configured to recognize speech presentation markup tags in the document;

software configured to store a set of local library files corresponding to the speech presentation markup tags; and

software configured to present the speech to a user in accordance with the local library files tags found in the multimedia document.